

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

A. General:

1. Claim 26 has been amended to overcome the Examiner's informality objection. Claim 24 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Claims 6, 10, 12, and 24 have been reformatted to increase clarity.
2. Claims 1-5, 7-9, 11, 19-23, and 25 have been canceled.
3. Only allowed claims 6, 10, 12-18, 24, 26 and 27 remain in the application.

B. Objection:

The Examiner has objected to claims 26 and 27 because of the informality that claim 26 is unclear as to what "the" electrically conducting string refers to since claim 10 includes a plurality of strings.

The Applicant has amended claim 26 to recite "each of the plurality of electrically conducting strings" thus obviating this objection to claim 26 and, therefore, also to 27, which depends therefrom.

C. 103 Rejection:

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5, 7-9, 11, 19-23, and 25 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Okamura (Japan 64-35284) in view of Tangonan et al (4,348,587) or Giallorenzi (4,471,219).

Applicant has canceled claims 1-5, 7-9, 11, 19-23, and 25 thereby obviating this rejection.

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D. **Conclusion:**

In view of the above, only allowed claims 6, 10, 12-18, 24, 26 and 27 remain in the application. Applicant therefore requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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